

Child Fatality Review Newsletter

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Safe Sleep Environments for All Babies

"Bed-sharing was involved in most of the unintentional suffocation deaths (90.9%) and the SIDS deaths (70.0%). All unintentional suffocation deaths (100%) and the majority of SIDS deaths (77.5%) took place in a non-crib sleeping environment....The study demonstrates how Child Death Review provides enhanced documentation of risk factors to help steer prevention efforts regarding SUID deaths in a community and reaffirms infants in an unsafe sleep environment have an increased risk of death." *Brixey SN, Kopp BC, Schlotthauer AE, Collier A, Corden TE. Department of Pediatrics, Policy Core, Injury Research Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, Downtown Health Center Pediatric Clinic, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. Use of child death review to inform sudden unexplained infant deaths occurring in a large urban setting. Inj Prev. 2011 Feb;17 Suppl 1:i23-7.*

Local Child Fatality Review Teams are helping improve:

1. Investigations and diagnosis
2. Services to families
3. Helping to describe the circumstances in infant sleep related deaths

There are some challenges for CFR Coordinators:

- Inconsistent messages about Safe Sleep coming from different Health Dept Programs
- Some lactation consultants do not agree with the AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) recommendations
- Crib distribution is controversial because of liability issues
- Due to shift in diagnosis from SIDS to undetermined, some are reluctant to use national resources that link SIDS with Safe Sleep
- Limited funding
- Program evaluation is difficult



Poison Prevention Week 2012



National Poison Prevention Week's 50th Anniversary is March 18-24, 2012. If you are interested in participating in a poison prevention event, contact your local poison control center by calling 1-800-222-1222. and ask to speak to a poison prevention educator.

<http://www.krpc.com/Home/Index>

<http://www.poisonprevention.org/poison.htm>

For FREE publications for the Back to Sleep program and Safe Sleep visit:

http://www.keepingbabiesafe.org/SafeSleep_Safety_Tips.pdf

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubskey.cfm?from=sids>

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/cribsafe.html>

<http://www.sidscenter.org/SafeSleep/AroundtheClock.html>

The month of April is devoted to celebrating everything we can do to transform our community into a place that cares about – and actively supports -- families and children.

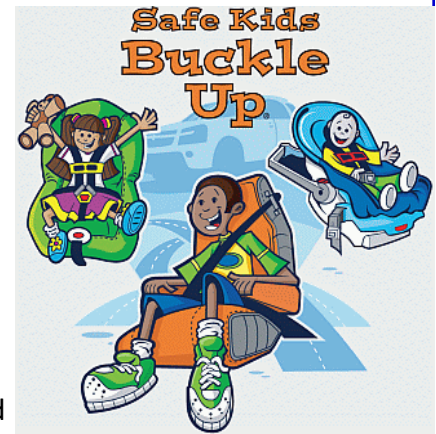


The pinwheel symbol is being used nationwide to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect prevention. It was chosen to represent hope and promise, depicting that when individuals take part in this campaign they are making the statement they believe every child deserves to be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment. It is our hope this image can positively help impact the way the public views both children, as well as the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

For more information visit Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky:

<http://www.pcaky.org/index.php>

Kentucky's law requires children ages 6 & under who are 50" in height or less to be secured in a child restraint system or child booster seat. Children who are 40" in height or less must be secured in a child restraint system. Children ages 6 & under who are between 40" and 50" in height must be secured in a child booster seat.



<http://www.safekids.org/assets/docs/safety-basics/basic-car-seat-safety/basic-car-seat-safety-english.pdf>



The Twenty-Second Annual Kentucky EMS Conference and Expo, will be September 19-21, 2012 at the Lexington Convention Center.

This conference is presented by KAPA (Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association) in conjunction with KBEMS (Kentucky Board of EMS), State Fire Commission and EMS Educators of Kentucky.

Dr. Susan Pollack, Pediatrician for the Pediatric & Adolescent Injury Prevention Program at the Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center will be presenting why EMS play a significant role in CFR and why they need to be part of the CFR team in their county.

Highlight of the Month

1-800-CHILDREN is a statewide helpline that offers a lifeline of support, encouragement and information regarding resources in local communities.

Parents and caregivers can call **1-800-CHILDREN** and talk with a trained volunteer who can provide them with information, support and/ or referrals in their local communities.

Please send suggestions or articles that you would like to see included in the newsletter. We welcome the chance to highlight your activities, overviews of your program, local team achievements, projects that have come from local reviews, etc.

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